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(SBU) Econ Counselor shared reftel points on Taiwan's participation in the OECD with MFA DAS-equivalent Cyrille Pierre on February 29. OECD Desk Officer Francois Legue got back to us on March 7 to say the GOF fundamentally agreed with the U.S. position. France believes the current assurances, as outlined in Secretary General Paye's letter of 1995, are well balanced and it sees no reason to alter the relationship.

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